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The hon. Member seems to be under the impression that Brahmans may not apply for or be granted land on darkhast unless they are 'ex-military men'. This is not the case.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to (*f*), may I know if lands are assigned to those who have already been possessing patta lands of their own?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Possession of land, Sir, is no bar to further grants of land."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" I have information, Sir, from the agent in the particular village to the effect that one Kuppuswami Ayyar has been granted patta land S. No. 700 and another Brahman lady has also been granted patta land in the same village bearing No. 701."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member must come to his question. He is giving a lot of information."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know why darkhast lands are being assigned to those who are already possessing patta lands and who do not actually cultivate them but lease them to another ignoring the Adi-Dravida darkhast petitioners' claims for assignment of such lands who do not possess a bit of land?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" The considerations advanced by the hon. Member who puts the question are no bar to further assignment."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether these lands are lands specially set apart for assignment to the depressed classes according to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1187, dated 5th March 1925?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I want notice."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether any announcement has already been made in the Dindigul taluk with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1187, dated 5th March 1925?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" How does that question arise?"

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Out of the answer given by the hon. the Revenue Member."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not know what announcement is referred to."

Public Services.

Employment of Brahmans in Government offices.

*1482 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the number of Brahmans that were employed in various Government offices in the Presidency after the G.Os. Nos. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, and 76, Public, dated 6th February 1924, regarding communal representation in public service were passed?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the annual returns of officers in the permanent employ of Government as on the 1st April of each year; these returns are placed on the Council table every year.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" From the statistics, I find that 1,568 Brahmans were appointed in Collectorates on a pay of Rs. 35 and below, in district

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courts 718 and under the heads of departments 778 and 2,198 in mufassal Government offices are getting Rs. 100 and over. I want therefore to know why no regard was paid to the Government Order already quoted in the answer ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" From the circumstances stated by the hon. Member it does not follow that no regard was paid to the Government Order."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" The Government Order was issued on 15th August 1922 and appointments have been made after that. I want to know why due effect was not given to the Government Order as regards communal representation."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not admit the underlying assumption of the hon. Member's question."

Criminal Tribes.

Occupation of persons registered under the Criminal Tribes Act in Anantapur district.

* 1483 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many of those registered under the Criminal Tribes Act in Anantapur district since 1913 own cattle and sheep and goats or lands ;

(b) how many of them were tending sheep and goats and trading in them and had it as a bona fide occupation ; and

(c) how many of them were bona fide agriculturists ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether people who have got honest means of livelihood are also to be registered under the Criminal Tribes Act ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Of course, if they commit crimes habitually."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" Are the Government then satisfied that the people who have been registered under the Act are in the habit of committing crimes ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I think so."

Depressed Classes.

Management of Adi-Dravida schools at Govindapuram and Andapettu.

* 1484 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether my representation, dated 22nd December 1925, addressed to him officially regarding the Government taking up the management of an Adi-Dravida night school at Govindapuram, Vaniambadi, North Arcot district, by the Labour department has been received ;

(b) if so, what steps he proposes to take in the matter ; and